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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

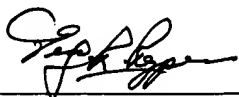
Sir:

In an Office action dated August 18, 2006, claims 1-7 and 9-12, all of the claims pending in the above-identified U.S. Patent application, were rejected on grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over U. S. Patent No. 6,676,969. In view thereof, Applicants are respectfully submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, obviating this rejection.

Applicants sincerely appreciate the indicated allowability of the present claims.

In view of the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable actions are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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